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Department of Defense actions in support of approved plans and guidances cited below are as indicated.

1. National Security Council

a. NSC 59/1, "The Foreign Information Program and Psychological Warfare Planning," 9 March 1950: No major developments resulted during this quarter except for general support as indicated in Section II.

b. NSC 127/1, "Plan for Conducting Psychological Operations During General Hostilities," 25 July 1952: Support of this plan is as indicated in paragraph 3, Section I.

c. NSC 10/2, "Office of Special Projects," 18 June 1948: Substantial progress has been made towards resolving major coordination problems with Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) during present period.

d. NSC 10/5: Continuous coordination has been effected in Psychological Strategy Board (PSB) review staff planning (see Section II), and operational and logistical support has been furnished as required.

2. Psychological Strategy Board

a. Presidential Directive of 4 April 1951: The Department of Defense has appointed a member and a military advisor to the PSB review staff, and has acted upon PSB guidances as indicated below.

b. PSB J-19-d, "Emergency Plan, Breakoff of Korean Armistice Negotiations," 18 September 1951: Supporting plans promulgated during previous quarters have been distributed to appropriate commanders.

c. PSB D-7/c, "Psychological Operations Plan Incident to Korean Cease Fire Negotiations", 25 October 1951: Supporting plans promulgated during previous quarters have been distributed to appropriate commanders.

d. PSB D-11/b, "National Overt Propaganda Policy Guidance for General War", 15 November 1951: Supporting plans have been incorporated in war plans as previously reported; detailed themes are now being developed.

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e. & f. PSB D-14/c, "Reduction of Communist Power and Influence in France", 31 January 1952, and PSB D-15/b, "Reduction of Communist Power and Influence in Italy": The Commander in Chief, U. S. European Command, has been directed to provide cooperation to the U. S. Ambassadors to France and Italy in implementation of subject plans.

g. PSB D-18/a, "Psychological Operations Plan for Soviet Orbit Escapees (Phase 'A')", 20 December 1951: Hongkong field representatives of a subcommittee of the Interagency Defector Committee have been provided with intelligence targets for the exploitation of White Russians now being expelled from the Manchurian area of Communist China. Additional interpreters and support have been made available from station ship Hongkong.

h. PSB D-21, "National Psychological Strategy with Respect to Germany", 9 October 1952: The Secretary of Defense has approved the objectives of this plan and Department of Defense actions in implementation are under study.

3. Psychological Operations Coordinating Committee

a. POC D-38/1, "Information Operational Plan Concerning U.S. Military Forces in Europe", 11 February 1952: This is being utilized by Department of Defense in the preparation of appropriate plans.

b. A suggested over-all outline plan for psychological warfare during general hostilities, together with a proposal to consider the establishment of a national psychological warfare operations center which would function during general hostilities, was forwarded to the Chairman, Psychological Operations Coordinating Committee.

SECTION II

Significant progress of the Department of Defense in the development of plans, capabilities and organizational means for contributing further to the national psychological effort.

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1. Intradepartment activities, including plans, forces, training programs and indoctrination courses.

a. Office of the Secretary of Defense

(1) Psychological Advantage of MDAP: On 10 October, the Secretary of Defense provided policy guidance and assigned responsibility for publicizing unclassified information about MDAP activities. The purpose of this directive is to ensure favorable psychological exploitation of these activities.

(2) U. S. Government Foreign Information Policy: A directive issued on 31 October provided for the coordination and dissemination within the military, of foreign information policy guidances, prepared by Department of State. This ensures that military spokesmen will be kept aware of the agreed U. S. position to be used in discussing matters of current interest.

(3) Role of Department of Defense: The Secretary of Defense is appointing a committee to formulate policies and procedures for the Department of Defense in the cold war. The Department is also considering organizational changes which may be required.

(4) Department of Defense Policy:

(a) The Office of the Secretary of Defense has promulgated a comprehensive unclassified policy on the release of public information regarding atomic weapons, guided missiles and new weapons, which directed that all information concerned with these weapons would be released by the Office of Public Information (OPI).

(b) The Mecca Airlift: On 1 October, the Acting Secretary of Defense cited the Mecca Airlift as resulting in favorable reactions throughout the Arab world, and pointed out that the airlift is but one example of the many additional ways in which the Department of Defense agencies could contribute to the successful conduct of the cold war.

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(5) Research and Development: Since last year's program guidance was issued, several significant developments have taken place. Authoritative estimates of the situation indicate that the "cold war", in addition to short-term emergency connotations, has a potential long-range aspect that is significant in plans and objectives. This change of emphasis means that research and development programs must be sustained by an adequate level of fiscal support and be thoroughly coordinated among Defense departments and with other agencies so that a well-integrated program in the national interest results. The present status of the Research and Development Board (R&DB) is as follows:

(a) Under authority delegated by the Secretary of Defense, the Advisory Group on Psychological and Unconventional Warfare was established on 14 November 1952, for a period of six months, as an organization of the R&DB. Within its field of interest, the Advisory Group will review military research and development activities and recommend a balanced program.

(b) In-Service projects were begun by the Army and the Air Force on the pressing problem of troop-community relationships in Europe. Human Resources Research Office (HumRRO) and Human Resources Research Institute (HRRI) have undertaken to survey research needs and facilities in Germany and France.

(c) HumRRO at the request of FECOM surveyed plans for a psychological-sociological study of the hard core Communist POW's in Korea.

b. Joint Chiefs of Staff

(1) War Plans: A psychological warfare plan and an unconventional warfare plan have been approved and distributed to the commanders under the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

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(2) Action on Kersten Amendment: The Joint Chiefs of Staff submitted a plan to the Secretary of Defense for the implementation of the Kersten Amendment.

(3) Evasion and Escape:

(a) The Joint Chiefs of Staff and other government agencies have agreed on the delineation of responsibility in the field of evasion and escape.

(b) The Joint Chiefs of Staff have agreed to the dispatch of another UN ally's evasion and escape element to Korea.

(4) Unconventional Warfare in the Far East:

(a) The Commander in Chief, Far East (CINCFE), is taking steps to expand and improve the theater organization responsible for unconventional warfare.

(b) CINCFE has been authorized to employ the 581st Air Resupply and Communication Wing in combat.

(5) Psychological Warfare Matters: The Joint Chiefs of Staff are taking steps to strengthen that part of their organization which deals directly with psychological warfare matters.

c. Significant Service Activities

(1) Troop I & E: The Troop Information and Education program was continued on a world-wide basis to orient Service personnel in the language, habits and customs in the various countries in which they serve. Allied with this, committees composed of Service representatives and native civilians continued efforts to bring about closer harmony between military and civilian populations. A campaign entitled, "Tell it to your Friends", was inaugurated in Europe to furnish to the American soldier factual information relative to false Soviet-Communist inspired claims.

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(2) Enemy Defection:

(a) A defection program aimed at Communist air crews in Korea was submitted to CINCFE for consideration. CINCFE has concurred and plans are under way to obtain final approval to initiate the program.

(b) Action has been started to obtain clearance for use of Russian language in broadcasts and leaflet drops in Korea.

(3) Counter Measures Against Enemy Psychological Warfare:

The following measures have been taken to expose and counter the Communist propaganda techniques:

(a) Service study of the Communist indoctrination technique known as "Brainwashing" continues. This study envisages a campaign to expose this practice to the free world, thereby weakening the effect of Soviet propaganda.

(b) In a planned release Air Force Secretary Finletter publicly condemned Communist methods and techniques used in extracting forced confessions from USAF POW's.

(c) Service action is being taken for the production of a film on Communist methods of interrogation. It is intended for In-Service training.

(d) A definite program continues in the UN POW camps in Korea to orient and educate the North Korean and Chinese prisoners.

(e) A study has been initiated dealing with problems inherent in the eventual release of American POW's. Some of our personnel may choose not to return to this country due to Communist brainwashing, and secondly, those who do return may be held for a substantial period to undergo a de-indoctrination phase.

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(f) Communist propaganda circulars and publications with subscription offers are being received by next of kin of American prisoners of war in an obvious attempt to extort money. A letter to the next of kin which exposes this Communist plan and cites the law which bars the shipment of money to Communist China is in draft form.

(4) Psychological Warfare:

(a) A Service study to expose Communist euphemisms has been initiated.

(b) A plan in support of the deployment of chemical munitions is in Service staff channels for consideration.

(c) A Psychological Warfare Seminar was held at the Psychological Warfare Center at Fort Bragg, N. C., 17-19 December 1952. This served the two-fold purpose of informing selected personnel in all Services as to the capabilities and methods of Psychological Warfare and orienting Service school instructors toward a common program of instruction.

(d) A Psychological Warfare conference was held during the first week of December at Headquarters of Commander in Chief, U. S. Atlantic Fleet for the purpose of acquainting key staff officers of LANTFLT relative to the importance of psychological warfare operations during hostilities and during the cold war.

(5) Intelligence: Efforts were continued to determine Soviet vulnerabilities, which may be exploited by psychological means; and similar efforts were directed toward determination of resistance potentials within the Soviet bloc.

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2. Interdepartmental activities of the Department of Defense, including plans, forces, training programs and indoctrination courses.

a. Psychological Strategy Board (PSB)

Participation on PSB panels continued. There has been continued staff processing of working drafts of PSB papers on Southeast Asia, Germany, Japan, Middle East, and Soviet Orbit Escapees.

b. Psychological Operations Coordinating Committee (POC)

(1) Participation continued on the interdepartmental committee which prepares and transmits to the Far East Command the Special Korean Information Guidance. This guidance provides that command information which is not readily available in Tokyo relative to U. S. and foreign press reaction to current events, and supplies substantive material and suggestions pertinent to retaining the propaganda initiative in that Theater.

(2) Acceptance of Americans Abroad

(a) The Department of Defense continues to participate in interdepartmental planning of this endeavor.

(b) Collaboration in the preparation of a plan to support the presence of U.S. troops and civilian personnel in Japan continues.

c. Department of State

(1) The bi-monthly UN activities report issued by the Department of Defense was revised, eliminating quotations of the Communist propaganda line emanating from Panmunjon and substituting therefore the UN peace delegation rebuttal speeches. This denied Communists the use of the UN as a sounding board for their propaganda, while at the same time informing the world of the UN stand.

(2) Army and Air Force personnel continued to receive on-the-job training with Voice of America, both in the United States and in Europe. This serves the dual purpose of training military personnel and, at the same time furnishes necessary and valuable assistance to the Department of State.

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(3) Efforts were continued in coordination with Department of State to finalize the agreement between the U. S. and Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for base rights to include the use of Radio Luxembourg for propaganda broadcasts in the event of general hostilities.

(4) Plans have been developed in cooperation with Department of State for the establishment of a two-week psychological warfare orientation course for Air attaches, senior Air Force members of Military Assistance Advisory Groups (MAAG's), and representatives from major air commands and Headquarters, U. S. Air Force. The plans call for initiation of this program about 1 March 1953.

(5) An Interdepartmental Committee to Combat Communist Propaganda

(a) The Department of Defense continues to collaborate in the analysis of the Soviet "Hate America Propaganda Campaign", and in seeking immediate and long-range means of countering such propaganda.

(b) The group has now reached general agreement on conclusions and recommendations regarding the position which the U. S. should adopt toward the "Hate America" campaign.

(6) Germ Warfare

(a) The Office of Public Information continued to cooperate closely with the Department of State, the military Services, and other government agencies involved in psychological activities in coordinating information released by the Department of Defense and its components on biological and chemical warfare. This coordination was significant in the countering of intense Communist propaganda against the United States on biological warfare.

(b) Through an interdepartmental committee to combat communist propaganda, the Department of Defense assisted in developing plans and means for setting forth the U.S. position regarding false charges of using germ warfare in Korea.

(c) Through the Department of State, direct assistance was provided by the Department of Defense to the U.S. representative to the UN for the purpose of combating germ warfare charges.

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(d) As a positive information program, the Department of Defense has cooperated with leading American magazines and newspapers in providing a consistent release of material on biological and chemical research.

SECTION III

Military activities having psychological implications conducted by Department of Defense agencies during the reporting period.

1. Joint Maneuvers and Exercises

Exercise WARMWIND, a joint Army-Air Force Arctic field exercise, was conducted in November by the Commander in Chief, Alaska. The air lifting of a regimental combat team to Alaska for participation in this exercise demonstrated the wide range and mobility of U. S. forces.

2. Displays of Strength

a. During this period, several news releases were made relative to U. S. strength and technical ability, and attempts were made to secure the maximum favorable psychological effects regarding the release of this data. Significant among these were:

- (1) The atomic explosion at Eniwetok,
- (2) The production of the 280 mm gun capable of firing an atomic warhead.
- (3) The development of guided missiles.
- (4) The formation of guided missile anti-aircraft units.
- (5) The purchase of new F-102 jet aircraft.

b. Between 26 November and 1 December 1952, a fleet visit was made by Commander, Sixth Fleet aboard the cruiser COLUMBUS, accompanied by the carrier ROOSEVELT, and a Destroyer Division to Syria, Lebanon and Jordan. The visit was requested by the U. S. Ambassador to Lebanon who had indicated earlier in the year that the next fleet visit to Near

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Eastern ports should be so planned as to give desirable evidence as far east as Baghdad of the nearness and strength of American power. Activities included static display of carrier aircraft at Damascus civil air terminal and an overflight of Syria, Lebanon and Jordan undertaken by two 50-plane waves of jet carrier aircraft on 1 December 1952. In the course of the overflight, the planes failed to reach Amman, Jordan, as planned and were reported in a verbal protest by the Israeli Foreign Minister to have violated Israeli territorial air space by overflying to Jerusalem. The charge was broadcast by Jerusalem radio the same evening. The American Consulate in Jerusalem reported that the unexpected flight caused a momentary panic on both sides of the city, evidently because the sound of the jets recalled the dropping of bombs during the recent Israeli-Arab warfare. (See Section VI, paragraphs 5 b - d, for evaluation.)

3. Combined Maneuvers and Exercises

a. Longstep. A NATO exercise in the Mediterranean from 3 to 13 November 1952 was participated in by 100,000 men, 170 ships, and 500 aircraft of the military forces of the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy, Turkey, and Greece. Objective of the exercise was to test ability to maintain the sea link between French North Africa and Europe with emphasis on protecting sea lanes used by troop convoys. Staging areas extended into the Eastern Mediterranean.

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Implications of Department of Defense psychological activities in foreign areas, including good-will efforts and related activites of the Services in such areas.

1. Psychological Results of Presence of U. S. Personnel Abroad:

a. Through the Committee on Acceptance of Americans Abroad, the Department of Defense continues to provde, as appropriate, the Department of State with advance notice of troop movements in overseas areas in order to gain maximum beneficial psychological effect.

b. This interdepartmental committee has continued to monitor and direct the activities of coordinating subcommittees set up in certain European countries where there are American troops stationed. These subcommittees consist of representatives from the Armed Forces, MSA, CIA, the Department of State, and in some areas officials of the governments concerned. Close coordination has been effected, and the problems still unsolved continued to receive committee action.

c. Subcommittees are now being set up in Japan and a Joint State-Defense agreement covering these activities is being prepared.

2. MDAP Programs: Actual deliveries of military equipment to allied powers were more than doubled for the last quarter of Fiscal Year 1952. In Europe, emphasis is being placed on growing national pride in new military units as a means of offsetting neutralist and defeatist attitudes. The Department of Defense has supported and encouraged all overseas Military Assistance Advisory Groups to plan and develop in coordination with USIS a positive information program based on the aims and accomplishments of the Mutual Security Program.

a. Military Aid to Pakistan: The Chief of Information has prepared information releases on this subject, coordinating them with the Department of State. The purpose of these releases is to gain the maximum psychological benefit to the U. S.

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b. Military Aid to Lebanon: The Department of Defense has concurred in a Department of State view that Lebanon should receive MDAP aid. This decision was taken largely for psychological reasons.

3. Offshore Procurement: At the start of the Offshore Procurement Program in 1951 its possibilities as a lever to reduce the communist hold on European industries were foreseen and pertinent instructions were issued through joint Defense-State-MSA-DMS-Treasury channels to procurement officers in the field. Guide lines to be used in the letting of contracts abroad were provided, and the primary responsibility for the evaluation of these problems was given to the procurement officers. The country teams were requested to advise procurement officers relative to communist-controlled manufacturing plants and to offer assistance relative to labor problems. These measures have aided U. S. efforts to combat communism abroad. More than six-hundred million dollars of off-shore procurement contracts were let under the Fiscal Year 1952 program. Fiscal Year 1953 contracts are expected to approximate one-billion dollars. Particular efforts are being made to negotiate contracts in Italy prior to the April 1953 elections.

4. Support to Friendly Nations:

a. A voicecast equipped plane (C-47) was lent to the Governor General of Malaya to assist in psychological warfare operations against the Communist Guerrillas. It was specified that U. S. exterior identification be removed, and that it not be operated by a U. S. crew. This plane was lent also to Indo-China under similar restrictions.

b. The ROK Army, now increased in size to twelve (12) Divisions and six (6) Separate Infantry Regiments, was widely publicized as a vastly improved fighting machine, and is an indication of U. S. ability and desire to support its Allies.

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5. Training of Foreign Nationals: Under the Mutual Defense Assistance Program more than 4,000 foreign nationals are now receiving military training in the U. S. In addition more than 13,000 have completed training at installations in the U. S. and more than 5,000 at U. S. installations overseas. As a by-product of the actual training program, special efforts are made to establish most friendly relationships with the trainees to assure lasting goodwill towards the U. S.

6. Tours by NATO Editors: During the month of October, the thirteenth group of Nato editors visited this country under joint sponsorship of State and Defense. The group included leading writers and editors from Italy, France, United Kingdom, Denmark, The Netherlands and Norway. The objective of this trip, as preceding ones, was to improve the knowledge and understanding in Europe of the American defense buildup of both manpower and productive power, as well as to show a broad panorama of American life. Reports from Europe indicate this series of projects to be a most effective aspect of the overseas information program.

7. Resident Foreign Correspondents: Numerous special interviews, feature story material and occasional special trips to U. S. military installations have been arranged for foreign correspondents residing in the U. S. During the current quarter, this service was provided to foreign correspondents of The Netherlands, Denmark, Norway, France, Italy, United Kingdom, Greece, Turkey, Egypt, Germany and Japan. In each instance, in addition to general interest stories, attempts were made to give special material pertinent to the problems of a particular country or area.

8. Overseas Information Coordination: The Department of Defense also continued support and development of plans for a number of speeches and public appearances, ships' transfer ceremonies, and numerous information

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activities in connection with the servicing of U. S. and foreign media. Numerous hometown releases and photos of MDAP trainees in this country were provided through State Department information channels to hometown provincial papers in Europe. Special guidances were worked out with Department of State and representatives of the foreign liaison branches of the three Services to assist military escort officers accompanying foreign military officials on trips around the U. S. Specific examples of Service overseas information coordination are as follows:

- a. At the request of the Department of State, the Air Attaché in Lebanon has been authorized to fly eight Lebanese correspondents to the Island of Rhodes to observe Voice of America activities from the U. S. Coast Guard cutter COURIER.
- b. A USAFE-conducted tour of German press correspondents at the bases at Erding, Furstenfeldbruck, and Neubiberg in Germany received favorable reports in the German press.

9. Goodwill Efforts: The problem of implementing a policy of "impartiality of treatment" was highlighted with respect to Arabs and Israelis by the visit of the Sixth Fleet to certain Arab states of the Middle East as reported in Section III above. The results of this operation would indicate that unfavorable reactions among audiences peripheral to, and strongly inimical to, the primary target groups should be anticipated and offset by appropriate actions.

10. Emergency medical aid rendered by U. S. Air Force medical personnel during the worst train wreck in England's history received wide public appreciation.

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Lessons learned through evaluation of Department of Defense psychological activities conducted during this period.

1. Problems which, if resolved, would assist in the development of a more effective contribution of the Department of Defense to the national psychological effort.

a. More definitive charters for PSB and POC would enable participating agencies to make better contributions to the national psychological effort. The present charters are subject to wide interpretations which result in conflicting endeavors.

b. There should be an authoritative statement of over-all national psychological responsibilities, including psychological objectives and supporting tasks, during the "cold war" on which to base psychological operations including Department of Defense participation.

c. Responsibilities for psychological warfare operations in an area wherein U. S. forces are engaged in combat, although such area is not declared a military theater of operations, should be clarified.

d. It is believed requirements should be placed upon Intelligence organizations of participating agencies to provide consolidated up-to-the-minute, detailed, and evaluated analyses of target and peripheral group attitudes, the psychological situation developing with respect to U. S. objectives, and of the psychological results obtained during "cold war" operations.

2. Psychological opportunities brought to light by analysis of quarterly activities and their relationship to future courses of action.

a. Informal analysis of our relations with Italy in the recent past has revealed a number of psychological opportunities which might have been exploited had they been foreseen. Suggestions, based on this analysis, have been passed to appropriate agencies for their consideration.

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b. Future reports might well include such analyses, thus giving each contributing agency an opportunity to put hindsight at the service of foresight.

SECTION VI

Reported effectiveness of actions cited in Sections I through IV, inclusive.

1. Military Aid to Pakistan (reference Section IV)

The agreement to extend this aid to Pakistan is reported to have had favorable psychological effect in that country, as was to be expected.

2. Military Aid to Lebanon (reference Section IV)

As with Pakistan, the expected favorable psychological reaction has been achieved in Lebanon. However, certain unfavorable, though not unforeseen, effects were observed in Israel.

3. Troop-Civilian Relationship Program (reference Section IV)

Continued adverse comment in the press would indicate that, in England, this program has not yet had time to show favorable results. In other areas, improved relations are reported (despite some communist-inspired incidents) and are directly attributed to the program.

4. Improvement of ROK Forces (reference Section IV)

Extensive and favorable coverage in the Allied press indicates that this action has had a desirable psychological impact.

5. Visits of Sixth Fleet

a. With reference to the psychological impact upon the French in the locale of routine Sixth Fleet operational schedules, the Chief of the Bureau of General Information and Psychological Action of the French Ministry of National Defense reported on 15 October 1952 that visits of warships are very impressive and can have a very valuable strengthening effect, but that displays of American forces on French soil appeared to create unfavorable reactions

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because of the sensitivity of French public opinion with respect to matters touching upon national sovereignty and prestige.

b. The U. S. Ambassador to Lebanon reported that the Sixth Fleet visit to Lebanon had been an unqualified success and "served as welcome indication of the realness and nearness of American power . . ." He recommended that a similar visit, including a jet overflight, be scheduled for late September 1953.

c. On 9 December 1952, the American Embassy in Jordan reported that the then predominant popular feeling in Jordan seemed to be one of pleasure that the Israelis were annoyed by the alleged violation of their air space which tended to make the Jordanians forget their disappointment over the failure of the planes to fly over Jordan cities as had been announced.

d. The American Consulate in Jerusalem reported on 2 December 1952 that the initial panic in the city was quickly dispelled. Once the planes were identified, the spectacle was enjoyed by the population of the entire city.

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SECTION VII

New evidence of reactions to activities conducted during previous reporting periods.

1. During the current period, there have been recurring reports in U. S. newspapers concerning existing relations of U. S. troops and civilians abroad with indigenous populations. Particular attention has been devoted to correcting this problem as it pertains to military personnel in the United Kingdom, France, Italy, and other U. S. stations abroad. However, the Communists continue to exploit this situation wherever possible.
2. Reports indicate that the program of warning 78 North Korean cities of impending bombings has been effective.
3. NATO reports indicate that off-shore procurement has resulted in more satisfactory economic conditions within member nations which greatly improved national psychological attitudes in our favor.
4. The ANZUS meeting, while creating a spirit of cooperation and coordination among the participants, developed a feeling of resentment in other Pacific area nations and Great Britain because they were not included. This attitude was expressed through diplomatic channels as well as in press releases.

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